

Application No. 09/888,667

REMARKS

In the office action mailed March 11, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1 - 6, 11 and 12 and rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,483,355 to Overton. The Examiner further indicated that claims 8 - 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 has been cancelled and claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8. Thus, it is Applicants submit that claim 7 is now allowable and respectfully request that the rejection of claim 7 be withdrawn. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to change their dependency from claim 8 to amended claim 7. Having replied to the rejection and objections in the Office Action, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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